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January 11th, 1917

J. W. Flavelle, Esq.,

Imperial Munitions Board,

Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Flavelle:

The Queen's people are not correct in saying that the lengthening of the course in Medicine from five to six years was taken without consulting the other Universities. Already last year Manitoba University had announced the lengthening of its course on its own responsibility, and at the Third Conference of Canadian Universities held in Montreal last May, at which Dean Connell was present as one of the two representatives of Queen's University, the report of the Committee on Medical Education was adopted concluding with the recommendation that the Conference expresses its approval of the adoption by the Canadian Medical Schools of a six years medical course as a minimum and that the Committee be continued for the purpose of drafting a tentative course of study. This recommendation was unanimously approved.

Dr. Clarke had been in correspondence with Dean Connell for some time, though Dean Connell is correct in saying that this University had no formal conference with Queen's on the matter. For some years Toronto and McGill have worked together in Medicine and have had complete reciprocity. We have never regarded the Queen's standard as quite equivalent to our own, and have therefore

never been in as close relations with Queen's as with McGill. For several years representatives of McGill and Toronto have been meeting annually to discuss medical problems and of these one of the most prominent has been the necessity of lengthening the course in Medicine. Our two Universities came to a conclusion some time ago that it would be necessary for us to take this step whatever the other Universities did, but as a matter of fact Manitoba University has been the first Canadian institution in the field in this matter.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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R.A. Falconer, Esq.,C.M.G., M.A., L.L.D.,
President of University of Toronto,
60 St. George Street,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir;-

Replying to your favor of February 21st.,in accordance with instructions from Mr. Flavelle I now enclose you his Cheque for $200.

Yours truly,

Albert F Park

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IMPERIAL MUNITIONS BOARD
OTTAWA
OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

March Twenty-second,
Nineteen Seventeen.

Dear President Falconer:

I make it almost an invariable practice to refuse to write concerning any applicant for any position unless the request comes from those who are responsible for the appointment. I am going to break through my usual practice.

I hold in very high regard a young soldier named Allan Bland. He is a nephew of Rev. Salem Bland of Winnipeg, He is a graduate of the Ontario Agricultural College, and a gentleman from head to foot. He commanded my admiration 18 months ago when he enlisted as a Gunner. He was promoted on the Field during his service at Ypres, and was given charge of a Battery. He unfortunately contracted either Trench or Malta Fever, and after a worrying sickness in England was invalided home. During recent months he has been one of the Instructors at Kingston. He is very eager to get back to the Front. I understand he is an applicant for the

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President Falconer, #2, 22/3/17.

position in the Battery in connection with the University for which young Carruthers was an applicant. Bland has character, capacity and personality. I hope his name will receive consideration when you are dealing with the list of applicants.

Yours faithfully,

President R. A. Falconer, C.M.G., LL.D.,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ontario.

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March 23rd, 1917

J. W. Flavelle, Esq.,

Imperial Munitions Board,

Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Flavelle:

With regard to the appointment to the position of Officer Commanding the 67th Battery all that lies in my power is to send in a recommendation as far as the University is concerned. After that the military authorities of the 2nd Division make their decision on military grounds.

I have sent in already saying that I should be very glad to have Mr. Carruthers appointed. So far I have no communication from the military authorities as to whether they are willing on military grounds to make the appointment. Mr. Bland came to see me next and although he is only a graduate in the science of agriculture he impressed me very favourably and I promised that if Mr. Carruthers' name was not accepted I should be glad to forward his name on the ground that he is a graduate in Agriculture.

Since Mr. Bland saw me the Provost of Trinity has been urging very strongly the claims of one of their graduates who has seen a great deal of overseas service both in Mesopotamia and in France. I have told him that I would send in his name third, but that I had already given promise to two earlier candidates.

As you will observe all that I can do is to say that such an appointment would be acceptable to us in the University. Therefore in accordance with my promise I will send in Mr. Bland's name next.

Yours sincerely,

President.